UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT HEARING DATE: October 10, 2000 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK HEARING TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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In re : Case Nos. 00 B 41065 (SMB)

00 B 41196 (SMB)

RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF : CENTERS, INC., et al.,

: (Chapter 11)

Debtors.

: (Jointly Administered)

OBJECTION OF THE UNITED STATES TRUSTEE
REGARDING PROPOSED ORDER AUTHORIZING THE
RETENTION OF RICHARD A. EISNER & COMPANY, LLP
AS INDEPENDENT AUDITORS, ACCOUNTANTS, AND
TAX ACCOUNTANTS NUNC PRO TUNC TO MAY 4, 2000

TO THE HONORABLE STUART M. BERNSTEIN, CHIEF BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

The United States Trustee for the Southern District of
New York (the "United States Trustee") submits the following
objection to the Application (the "Application") by the abovecaptioned debtors and debtors-in-possession (collectively, the
"Debtors") to retain Richard A. Eisner & Company, LLP
("Eisner") as Independent Auditors, Accountants, and Tax
Accountants nunc pro tunc to May 4, 2000.

Background

1. Each of the Debtors filed a separate voluntary
petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code on
May 4, 2000 (the "Filing Date"). Pursuant to sections 1107
and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors are continuing to

operate their golf, ice skating and family entertainment center businesses as debtors-in-possession.

- 2. The Application to retain Eisner was electronically filed with the Court on September 13, 2000.
- 3. According to the Application, Eisner has been the Debtors' independent auditors, accountants and tax consultants for more than two years. Application, \P 5, p. 3.
- 4. Eisner has a pre-petition claim against the Debtors in the amount of \$166,067.00 for services performed on behalf of the Debtors prior to the Filing Date. Application, \P 16, p. 7.
- 5. The "AFFIDAVIT FOR RETENTION AS ACCOUNTANTS FOR THE DEBTOR-IN-POSSESSION ON A NUNC PRO TUNC BASIS EFFECTIVE MAY 4, 2000" filed by Charles Weinstein (the "Weinstein Affidavit") states that "[i]f Eisner is retained, we will negate the \$166,167 owed to Eisner for services prior to the Bankruptcy filing." Weinstein Affidavit, ¶ 7, p. 2.
- 6. The Application explains the reason for the delay in seeking the retention of Eisner as follows:
 - 7. At the beginning of these chapter 11 cases, Family Golf had not yet determined whether it was going to continue to file reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Accordingly, while Eisner continued to perform limited tasks for the Debtors after

the Filing Date, the Debtors delayed seeking Court approval of Eisner's retention until they determined whether to continue to be a reporting company and the scope of Eisner's retention. Now that the scope of the services to be provided by Eisner has been made clearer, the Debtors are seeking to retain Eisner. And, because Eisner has performed certain limited services for the Debtors since the Filing Date, the Debtors are requesting that Eisner's retention be approved nunc protunc to the Filing Date. 1

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¹From the Filing Date, Eisner has incurred fees and expenses in the amount of approximately \$48,000.00.

Application, \P 7, p. 4.

- 7. With respect to the services to be rendered by Eisner, Paragraph 15 of the Application (pp. 6-7) provides as follows:
 - 15. Pursuant to a general retainer, Eisner has previously rendered auditing and other services to the Debtors. Subject to further order of this Court, Eisner will, if retained, and as requested by the Debtors and as agreed to by Eisner, render the following services to the Debtors:
 - (a) Prepare federal, state and local
 corporate income tax returns for the
 Debtors;
 - (b) Advise the Debtors regarding accounting and tax matters related to various asset sales and other transactions;

- (c) Review the financial statements of the Debtor to be included in the Debtors' filings required under the Securities Act;
- (d) Perform an audit of the financial statements of the Debtor for the year ending December 31, 2000;
- (e) Perform analysis of changes in stock ownership to determine if there has been a more that 50% change of ownership of the Company that would involve limitation on utilization of net operating loss carryfowards and provide the information necessary required by Treasury Regulations for disclosure in the Company's 1999 tax return; and
- (f) Any other services that may be required in our role as auditors and advisors to the Debtor-in-Possession or any of the Debtor's professionals.

In addition, Eisner will consult with the Debtors' management and counsel in connection with accounting, tax and other business matters relating to the ongoing activities of the Debtors.

8. Upon information and belief, Eisner is regularly retained as a professional in cases before this Court.

Objection

9. Section 327(a) explicitly requires that the court approve the professional's employment before services are rendered. Prior court approval is necessary to ensure that the applicant does not possess any interests adverse to the

- estate. Matter of Arkansas Co., 798 F.2d 645, 648 (3d Cir. 1986); Fanelli v. Hensley (Matter of Triangle Chemicals, Inc.), 697 F.2d 1280, 1284 (5th Cir. 1983). Pre-approval also protects the bankruptcy estate against claims later made by volunteers for performing unnecessary services. Arkansas Co., 798 F.2d at 648; Triangle Chemicals, 697 F.2d at 1285.
- In <u>Keren Limited Partnership</u>, the Second Circuit recently held that <u>nunc</u> pro tunc approval should only be granted in narrow situations and requires that (i) if the application had been made timely, the court would have authorized the appointment, and (ii) the delay in seeking court approval resulted from extraordinary circumstances. In re Keren Limited Partnership, 189 F.3d 86 (2nd Cir. 1999); see also In re Jarvis, 53 F.3d 416, 420 (1st Cir. 1995)(applicant must demonstrate extraordinary circumstances to excuse the failure to file a timely application); In re Rogers-Pyatt Shellac Co., 51 F.2d 988, 991 (2nd Cir. 1931)(nunc pro tunc retention based upon applicant's hardship disallowed where hardship was of applicant's own making). This stringent standard will deter professionals from ignoring the requirements of section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code. <u>Jarvis</u>, 53 F.3d at 421.
 - 11. In determining whether "extraordinary circumstances"

exist, a court should consider (i) whether the applicant or some other person bore responsibility for applying for approval, (ii) whether the applicant was under time pressure to begin service without approval, (iii) the amount of delay, (iv) the extent of delay to which compensation will prejudice innocent third parties, and (v) other relevant factors. Karen Limited Partnership, 225 B.R. 303, 306 (S.D.N.Y. 1998), <u>aff'd</u>, 189 F.3d 86 (2nd Cir. 1999); <u>see</u> <u>also</u> <u>Jarvis</u>, 53 F.3d at 420. Simple neglect in seeking to file a retention application, however, does not constitute extraordinary circumstances. Jarvis, 53 F.3d at 418 ("[T]ardiness occasioned merely by oversight cannot qualify as an extraordinary circumstance"); Land v. First Nat'l Bank of <u>Alamosa (In re Land)</u>, 943 F.2d 1265, 1268 (10th Cir. 1991) ("Simple neglect will not justify <u>nunc pro tunc</u> approval" under extraordinary circumstances analysis); <u>In re Arkansas</u> Company, Inc., 798 F.2d at 649 (3rd Cir. 1986) (extraordinary circumstances are limited to cases where the hardship is not of counsel's making); In re Platinum, 226 B.R. 762, 765 (Bankr. W.D.N.Y. 1998)(attorney oversight-i.e., simple neglect-does not rise to the dignity of a reasonable explanation).

12. The United States Trustee submits that the

Application fails to satisfy the test for <u>nunc pro tunc</u> retention because it does not demonstrate extraordinary circumstances, as required in this Circuit.

- intentionally delayed seeking the retention of Eisner because of the uncertainty regarding whether the Debtors would continue to file reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). The Application is unclear whether there were any other services to be performed by Eisner that were subject to similar uncertainty, and, even if there were, the Application did not specifically identify such other services. Application, ¶ 7, p. 4.
- 14. In Paragraph 15 of the Application, services relating to the filing of SEC reports represent one of the six enumerated services that Eisner would be expected to perform if retained. The Application does not explain why a retention was not sought on behalf of Eisner with respect to the services that the Debtors unequivocally needed Eisner to perform. Such a retention could easily have contained a reservation of right to seek an expansion of the scope of the services to be performed by Eisner, including, but not limited to, services related to the filing of SEC reports.
 - 15. The Application states that Eisner has performed

"limited tasks" totaling \$48,000.00 since the Filing Date.

Upon information and belief, the tasks performed were not

limited to services relating to the filing of SEC reports but

included services that the Debtors presumably knew, on the

Filing Date, would be required of Eisner.²

- 16. The United States Trustee requests further information relating to the Debtors' uncertainty in filing SEC reports, including, but not limited to, the date on which the Debtors resolved their uncertainty.
- 17. According to the "SECNOW" database on Westlaw, the Debtors filed several documents with the SEC since the Filing Date. A list of such filings is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 18. Since the Filing Date, the Debtors filed the Form
 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2000 on May 22, 2000 and
 the Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2000 on August 18,
 2000. See Exhibit A.
 - 19. In addition, the Debtors filed Form NT 10-0 for the

 $^{^{1}}$ See Application, ¶ 7, p. 4.

²The United States Trustee has requested from Eisner a copy of its post-petition time records. In addition, the United States Trustee has requested a list of all payments received by Eisner within 90 days prior to the Filing Date, identification of the corresponding invoice or invoices against with any payment or payments were applied, and identification of all other outstanding invoices.

period ended March 31, 2000 on May 16, 2000, stating the following:

ON MAY 4, 2000, FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC. (TOGETHER WITH ITS DOMESTIC SUBSIDIARIES, THE 'COMPANY') FILED VOLUNTARY PETITIONS (THE 'BANKRUPTCY FILING') FOR PROTECTION UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE FEDERAL BANKRUPTCY CODE IN THE U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK. THE BANKRUPTCY FILING REQUIRES ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE AND, ACCORDINGLY, THE REGISTRANT IS UNABLE TO FILE ITS QUARTERLY REPORT ON FORM 10-Q FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2000 BY MAY 15, 2000 WITHOUT UNREASONABLE EFFORT AND EXPENSE. THE REGISTRANT EXPECTS TO FILE FORM 10-Q ON OR BEFORE MAY 22, 2000.

A copy of the above-mentioned Form 10-Q is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

- 20. Neither the Application nor the Weinstein Affidavit adequately explains why Eisner, a professional regularly retained by the Bankruptcy Court, did not diligently pursue its own retention before performing services on behalf of the Debtors.
- 21. Based on the foregoing, it does not appear that the Application demonstrates the extraordinary circumstances necessary to permit the <u>nunc pro tunc</u> retention of Eisner to May 4, 2000.

WHEREFORE, the United States Trustee respectfully

requests that the Court sustain the objections raised herein and grant such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York

October 5, 2000

Respectfully submitted,

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PART I -- REGISTRANT INFORMATION

FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT	FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
FORMER NAME IF APPLICABLE	N/A
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICE (STREET AND NUMBER)	538 BROADHOLLOW ROAD
CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE	MELVILLE, NEW YORK 11747
<pre><page> PART II RULES 12B-25(B) AND (C)</page></pre>	
IF THE SUBJECT REPORT COULD NOT BE FILED WITHOUT UNREASONABLE EFFORT OR EXPENSE AND THE REGISTRANT SEEKS RELIEF PURSUANT TO RULE 12B-25(B), THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE COMPLETED.	
[X] (a) THE REASONS DESCRIBED IN REASONABLE DETAIL IN PART III OF THIS FORM COULD NOT BE ELIMINATED WITHOUT UNREASONABLE EFFORT OR EXPENSE;	
10-K, FORM 20-F, 11-K OR FORM N-SAR BEFORE THE FIFTEENTH CALENDAR DAY F SUBJECT QUARTERLY REPORT OR TRANSIT	SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT, TRANSITION REPORT ON FORM, OR PORTION THEREOF WILL BE FILED ON OR OLLOWING THE PRESCRIBED DUE DATE; OR THE ION REPORT ON FORM 10-Q, OR PORTION THEREOF H CALENDAR DAY FOLLOWING THE PRESCRIBED DUE
[] (c) THE ACCOUNTANT'S STATEMENT HAS BEEN ATTACHED IF APPLICABLE.	OR OTHER EXHIBIT REQUIRED BY RULE 12B-25(C)
PART III NARRATIVE	
SUBSIDIARIES, THE 'COMPANY') FILED FOR PROTECTION UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN D REQUIRES ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE AND, FILE ITS QUARTERLY REPORT ON FORM 1	TERS, INC. (TOGETHER WITH ITS DOMESTIC VOLUNTARY PETITIONS (THE 'BANKRUPTCY FILING') THE FEDERAL BANKRUPTCY CODE IN THE U.S. ISTRICT OF NEW YORK. THE BANKRUPTCY FILING ACCORDINGLY, THE REGISTRANT IS UNABLE TO 0-Q FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2000 BY FFORT AND EXPENSE. THE REGISTRANT EXPECTS TO

PART IV -- OTHER INFORMATION

FILE FORM 10-Q ON OR BEFORE MAY 22, 2000.

(1) NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS NOTIFICATION	
JOHN J. CALIOLO (631) 694-1666 (NAME) (TELEPHONE NUMBER)	
(2) HAVE ALL OTHER PERIODIC REPORTS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 OR SECTION 30 OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940 DURING THE PRECEDING 12 MONTHS OR FOR SUCH SHORTER PERIOD THAT THE REGISTRANT WAS REQUIRED TO FILE SUCH REPORT(S) BEEN FILED? IF THE ANSWER IS NO, IDENTIFY REPORT(S). [X] YES [] NO	
(3) IS IT ANTICIPATED THAT ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN RESULTS OF OPERATIONS FROM THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD FOR THE LAST FISCAL YEAR WILL BE REFLECTED BY THE EARNINGS STATEMENTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUBJECT REPORT OR PORTION THEREOF?	
[] YES [X] NO	
IF SO: ATTACH AN EXPLANATION OF THE ANTICIPATED CHANGE, BOTH NARRATIVELY AND QUANTITATIVELY, AND, IF APPROPRIATE, STATE THE REASONS WHY A REASONABLE ESTIMATE OF THE RESULTS CANNOT BE MADE.	
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FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.	
(NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN CHARTER)	
HAS CAUSED THIS NOTIFICATION TO BE SIGNED ON ITS BEHALF BY THE UNDERSIGNED THEREUNTO DULY AUTHORIZED.	
DATE MAY 16, 2000 BY: /S/ JOHN J. CALIOLO	
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	
ATTENTION	
INTENTIONAL MISSTATEMENTS OR OMISSIONS OF FACT CONSTITUTE FEDERAL CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS (SEE 18 U.S.C. 1001).	
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